April 28. Whereas the king's merchants of the society of the Bardi and Peruzzi undertook to pay large sums in furtherance of his business in parts beyond the seas, for which he assigned to them the subsidy of the ninth of sheaves, fleeces, and lambs, and the ninth and fifteenth, of the second year of the levy thereof, and the said ninth and fifteenth in the last Parliament at Westminster was changed into a subsidy of a certain number of sacks of wool, and whereas in lieu of that subsidy he, by letters patent, has granted to them 20,000 marks in sterling and in recompense of 15,000 marks thereof 1,199 sacks of the wool granted in his last Parliament; he has appointed his serjeants-at-arms, John de Mowbray and Francis Johan, to complete with all speed the collection and delivery to them of what has not yet been levied of such wool. By C.

April 18. Commission to John de Stouford, John Brideport and Simon de Furnoux to make an inquisition in the counties of Somerset and Dorset touching a petition of Roger Chuchard, shewn before the king and council in Parliament, praying that, whereas Nicholas le Walsh of Podington, deceased, held certain lands and rents in Athelardestow and Hewshamflour, co. Somerset, of the king in chief, by knight service, and other lands in Podington, co. Dorset, of him and Matilda his wife, and in Westclykered, co. Dorset, of Walter Heryng, also by knight service, and whereas, notwithstanding that the lands and rents in Athelardestow and Hewshamflour are not held of the king in chief as of the crown, whereby the custody of the lands in Podington and Westclykered should pertain to him, the custody thereof has been in his hands from the time of the death of Nicholas, because it was found by a certificate of the treasurer and barons of the exchequer, sent into the chancery for information as to the king's right in the premises, that one Maurice de Gaunt holds a moiety of a knight's fee in Cantokesheved and Hewsh which has always been in the king's hands from the time of the death of Nicholas, to the great damage and loss of the said Roger, Matilda and Walter, the king will, in consideration of this that there are three towns called Hewshamflour, Begere Hewsh and Hewsh by Cantokesheved, and the certificate does not mention in which of the three the moiety of a knight's fee is, cause his hands to be removed from the custody of the lands in Podington and Westclykered, and certify the king of the whole truth of the matter.

April 26. Commission to William de Penbrigge, William Pipard, and Henry de Tredewy to find by inquisition in the county of Cornwall and Devon the names of mariners of the king's fealty and allegiance now retained with his licence in the service of the duchess of Brittany, as well as other evil doers confederate together in divers ships of war, who are reported to be off the coast of those counties, boarding ships of the duchess and others of the king's fealty and friendship, as well as of others of his enmity, carrying away goods, merchandise, and other things and converting these to their own use, to whom the said ships, goods, and merchandise belonged, into whose hands these have come, their value and all other particulars, and to arrest and imprison all who shall be indicted hereof and take into the king's hands the plundered goods. By K.